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HAVE YOU MADE YOUR HARVEST PLANS YET? Your help is needed in getting in the food for Americans at home and overseas.

Further information on Harvest Camp arrangements in next Yodeler. Meanwhile, check your calendar and let the Committee know which week--or weeks--you find best. And save a date for Victory!

SIERRAN REPORTS ON EASTERN CLIMBING

In a letter from Washington, Dick Leonard tells of an outing with members of the Potomac Appalachian Trails Club:

"I had a wonderful time at the Rock Climbing last Sunday, and am going again next time. I find I can still climb about as well as ever in the last five years; I followed Ad Carter, of Nanda Devi fame, and also a very capable young fellow from the PATC, wherever they went.

The Club is almost 100% in line with Sierra Club standards. This is due, in part, to our published articles and the correspondence which Raffi and I have had with their leaders.

The cliffs are wonderful, and we ought to have them for Pine Canyon. One walks about 4 miles along the historic Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, now a National Parkway. The trees are so tall and heavy that the hike is shaded all the way. The cliffs are right on the Potomac--about 50 to 100 feet in height, at an angle of 50° to 90°, and of a nice hard gneiss with lots of chimneys, cracks, faces, etc. While they are not very high, they extend for quite a way along the river, thus permitting excellent 3-man rope work in traversing requiring a couple of hours of climbing. Best of all, they are heavily shaded by huge oaks, maples, and beeches, and the river furnishes swimming for all who wish (and sometimes those who don't!).

PARSONS LODGE TO OPEN SOON

Plans now being completed call for the opening of the Sierra Club's Parsons Memorial Lodge late this week. Douglas Whiteside is to be at the Lodge as custodian, and assures the membership that Tuolumne Meadows will prove more delightful this year than for many a season. As a result of light travel, the whole region is more nearly like the high country and wilderness areas which Sierrans have known on High Trips, yet is far more accessible--an important consideration in this year of curtailed travel.

Visitors to Parsons Lodge are reminded that the main building is to serve as a gathering place only--meals and accommodations are not provided here as at some of the other Sierra Club Lodges. However, the Club property in the neighborhood of the Soda Springs provides many delightful camping spots. The store and service station at Tuolumne Meadows are in operation, and meals and furnished tents may be had at reasonable rates at the Hikers' Camp.

Attractions at and near Tuolumne Meadows include either mountaineering or meadoweering. Nearby trails lead into the fine rugged country of Northern Yosemite Park or over to the Lyell region, while the meadows and domes within easy strolling distance of the Lodge can provide almost unlimited possibilities for those who prefer leisurely exploration of streamside nooks or rocky gardens.

(Yodeler suggests at least a week in Harvest Camp, followed by a visit to some such mountain spot).

SIERRANS URGED TO REMEMBER BLOOD BANK

Look in your date-book. Is it at least two months since you gave a pint of blood? Then phone now to make another date to save a life.

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Yodeleditor:

I have just read Lt. Hansen's letter in the Yodeler. I also read the original. I wish that the Yodeler had carried the letter unedited, as I think that he made a few beautifully debatable points; but as it didn't, I will have to confine my remarks to the letter as it was printed. (Here is where the editor guessed wrong, it would seem--the original Hansen letter was "pretty hot", and it was not only the limitations on space that prompted us to leave out a portion--Ed.)

I'm surprised that Bob should show such a small amount of tolerance for civilians. Certainly he knows as well as anyone who has been in the service for any length of time that they just don't understand. I have been in the Army only seven months, yet civilians have come to be a completely ununderstandable species of animal to me! They don't appreciate what they have because so few of them have ever lost any of it. As far as I can see, the war is a great inconvenience to them, but not quite so bad as, for instance, prohibition.

Bob mentioned the "pleasant" skiing at Camp Hale last winter. The fact that it was done at temperatures as low as 35° below zero with extremely heavy packs doesn't occur to him. The fact that it wasn't done in Kiska or Norway is certainly no discredit to the men who did it. I didn't join the mountain troops to ski or climb, but because I thought that what knowledge I have of the mountains may be of value. It is certainly to Bob's credit that he was able to get into the Air Corps and get into action as quickly as he did--I had a heiluva time meeting the physical requirements of the infantry, let alone the Air Corps.

In closing I'd like to wish Bob good luck (I understand the Air Corps needs quite a bit of it) and express (cont. p 3)

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Charlie Townsend and Yodelereaders:

As a discussion seems to have arisen concerning the name of our daughter, Brio Marlisa, I feel that I should explain and point out its strange beauty.

The first name has three meanings: brilliancy, spirit, intoxication. Brio is a musical term designating passages of brilliancy and spirit; in the Italian language, it means a state of intoxication. Remember Pan, that pagan god who so loved to play on his pipes by the river? He is a joyous creature, my favorite elf; I have loved him since I first sat by a brook and heard the music of his pipes mingling with the bird calls, the rustling of the leaves, the rush of the water as it splashed along its way. For our daughter I wanted a name that would have in it all the buoyancy of spirit and love of life and living that Pan has. Brio seemed to answer that wish.

Marlisa is simply a contraction of the names Mary--Mother of Christ, pure of spirit, the epitome of goodness--and Lisa--from the Mona Lisa, whose name has come to have a feeling of mystery and depth. So there we have it:

Brilliancy of Spirit)
Pure of Soul) Brio Marlisa.
Mystery)

Oh, no friend Charlie; you were sadly mistaken in your assumption that our lovely little daughter's name was just a whim of her mother's. It is rather the result of a good deal of thought and of correspondence with her father (Cpl. James C. Burgess, now stationed with the U. S. Army Engineers in North Africa) since he went overseas ten months ago. You see, she is such a special daughter we had to give her a name that was rather special.

We want to thank the Yodeler for relaying the good wishes of the Sierra Club.

Cheerio for the present--

--Jary Burgess

!!!! Thank you, Jary! We knew you couldn't let us down. --Ed.

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Yodeleditor:

You'd have to be away from all Sierra Club friends to know how much news of them means.

Will you print an open invitation to club members going through Fresno to stop in for a good square meal, especially the fellows in the camps here?

--Jean Kennedy Hall

842 Dennett, Fresno

MORE LETTERS

Seattle, Wash.
July 1, 1943

Yodelereaders:

Please don't think that I've forgotten all of my Sierra Club friends--far from it. I just received a couple of Yodelers, and I guess I got that old feeling that all the fellows in the service have been writing about--and I haven't even left the good old USA yet! Right now I'm sitting around waiting for a boat to take me to a place in Alaska that isn't even on the map.

In the mean time, I'm seeing Seattle, Victoria, and vicinity on my bike. I'm going to be near Anchorage, so I hope I find all the people I have messages for. I'll be working for the Army Transport Service.

Believe it or not, my last year's prune picking experience has well qualified me for my present temporary occupation of weeding in a nearby nursery! I don't dare take a job of any importance, for fear of being "frozen"; besides, I like the out-of-doors.

Hello to everyone. --Carol Hughes

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Answer to Hansen (cont. from p. 2)
the wish that he'll be over me (literally) some day.

--Cpl. Art Argiewicz

10th Cav. Recon. Troop
Camp Hale, Colorado - - -

YODELEARS HEAR

--Cpl. Jack ("-the-Slug") Riegelhuth was married recently. We hope to have a more complete story next time.

--of Lt. Dave Brower's face being red following a pretty spectacular "boner" on the parade ground. Reading from his own notes a list of non-commissioned officers for some special assignment, he failed to catch himself soon enough, and yelled out: "Corporal Slug!"

--how Pvt. Ralph McColm headed immediately for Yosemite when granted a furlough.

--that Marjorie Jones (San Diego) and her companions enjoyed climbing Half Dome, but insist it must be more than 45°!

If you wish to have V-mail forwarded by the Sierra Club office, remember that the address inside the folder is the one that's photographed; hence you must (1) leave both address spaces blank except for the name, and (2) send the stamped but unsealed letter to the Sierra Club in a separate envelope.

LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB EXTENDS GRACIOUS INVITATION

(Received some time ago, and published now that the harvest season is near)

Rutherford, Calif.
February 18, 1943

Dear Sir:

We understand that there is a plan for your Club to establish a camp at St. Helena this summer, and that many of your members may spend part or all of their vacations giving this community greatly needed and appreciated help in harvesting its crops.

As one producing ranch in this area, we should like to express our thanks for the help which you gave us last year and to welcome you once again.

We understand the plan this year is a little different than it was last, with members coming up to stay for a week or two, or whatever time it is possible for them to spend away from their work and their other obligations. The plan is to work five days a week, with two for rest and relaxation.

It has occurred to us that although there is nothing comparable to the Sierra Nevada country in this area, some of your members might enjoy roaming about the hills surrounding the Valley. We have quite a little land in the Mount St. John area, west of Rutherford, including all but the 40 acres of Federal property surrounding the summit. We want to take this opportunity to invite your members to make use of it for walking or picnicing whenever they may care to do so during their stay in the Valley.

Yours cordially,
INGLENOOK RANCH
John Daniel, Jr.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS?

Yodeleditor:

In typing copy for the Yodeler, it has dna esol ew emit hcum woh em ot derrucco how much eyestrain is involved in jumping -nigeb eht ot enil eno fo dne eht morf ning of the next, clear across to the otht reisae hcum woH .nmuloc eht fo edis re would be if we would learn to read freely fo sriap ynam woH .snoitcerid htob ni glasses would not be needed, and how emas eht ni daer dluoc ew erom hcum length of time. Perhaps other fellow-suf- .senil eseht gnola saedi evah yam sreref I could go on like this for a long time, kcab eht gnisu fo derit gnitteg m'I tub spacer.

--Charles T. Townsend

CANNERIES APPEAL TO SIERRA CLUB FOR HELP

(A letter to the president).
June 21, 1943

Will you and your friends help out in a grave war emergency?

California canners stand on the threshhold of the most critical season in their history. Our government has asked us to prepare a record pack of fruits and vegetables. The largest portion of this food is for our Army, Navy, Marines and other war agencies. What remains will be for civilian consumption.

We are aware of the manpower shortage in this area. No industry has been more seriously affected than ours. Most of the men and women upon whom the industry formerly depended have gone into more permanent war work or into the armed forces.

Canning operations will begin about August 1 and continue for about three months.

If the crops are to be canned, a large proportion of the packing procedure must be carried out by patriotic citizens who have not done this type of work before. The assistance of men and women is needed who could work full shifts, or specified day or night part-time shifts (of four or five hours) on designated days each week; also, students of 16 years or over, teachers, and others who could devote part or all of their vacation to canning. Each person should work as long as possible--as many days--as many weeks. This is a real victory job, one in which wholehearted cooperation is urgent.

It is an opportunity to earn extra money, too. Men's rates will vary from a minimum of 85¢ to $1.15 per hour, depending upon the type of work. Most of the work performed by women is paid for on a piece work basis--rates will be set to make possible an attractive average earning for any operation. Women hourly workers will be paid 70¢ per hour. Boys and girls sixteen years of age or over will be paid on the same basic scale as adults.

The California Packing Corporation, packers of Del Monte Products, have canning plants conveniently located. To signify willingness to help in this emergency, please phone or visit the nearest:

Plant	#35--Emeryville (Oakland)-	OL 1230
	#37--Fruitvale--	KE 4-1211
	#24--Fruitvale--	KE 4-3360
	# 8--San Leandro--	TR 1937

or write to the California Packing Corporation, Department Manpower, 101 California Street, San Francisco (SU 7760), for further information.

If our plants are not conveniently located, then please get in touch with one which is more accessible.

This is a problem which challenges the patriotism of every man and woman in the Bay area. It may call for personal sacrifices, but one can do no less for our fighting men when they are doing so much for us.

"If you will can, the fighting man can win."

Yours very truly,

CALIFORNIA PACKING CORPORATION

E. G. Montgomery

NORDENOTES

Jorgy reports from Norden that the summer season is well under way, with an even dozen members taking part in the festivities of the first week. Those at the Lodge included several who were on a work-party basis, and the work program was in full swing as they cleaned up the debris from ski season lunches around Signal Hill, made various improvements about the lodge, and got a good start on the important job of cutting wood for the fireplace.

The beautiful hiking weather stimulated several overnight trips, and exploratory hikes were made in all directions. Even Edgar, having warmed up on a number of short hikes, achieved the Hall of Fame by deserting her kittens long enough to make the first recorded feline ascent of Castle Peak.

Milton Frincke took big fish honors with his 15-inch speckled beauty from Wallace Lake. Bird lovers tallied 39 species, including the seldom seen Pine Grosbeak, Green-tailed Towhee, Calliope Humming Bird, and others. Wild flowers, already plentiful, gave the botanists of the group a chance to key down 53 different kinds.

Jorgy wants to maintain a bountiful commissary, and as fresh produce, milk, bread, etc. must be ordered almost a week ahead, he must know how many members intend to visit the lodge. Thus it is easy to see that reservations should be made, whenever possible, by writing to

Haven Jorgensen, Custodian
Sierra Club
Soda Springs, California

ADD-LIBEING

In the spring the Library Committee's fancy lightly turned to thoughts of chapter schedules. As a result, the group began an organized effort to obtain a complete set for the club library.

The committee has been far more successful than they ever hoped, thanks to the response of club members throughout the state. Vice-President W. H. Wright, Directors Farquhar and Kehrlein, Ralph Arthur Chase, Mabel Winter, Captain Charles Fiske, Mrs. Sophia Braun and many others have contributed most of the copies that were lacking.

The club now has a complete file for Loma Prieta. For the Southern California Chapter, numbers 1 to 7, inclusive, are lacking; and Bay Chapter number 2, 5, 6, 7, 24, 28 and 34 are still missing.

In acknowledging their gratitude for all the help they have had, members of the Library Committee give special thanks to Director Glen Dawson, who started the library off with most of the Southern California schedules from 1916 to 1930, bound into two attractive volumes.-J.T.H.

Just received from Glen Dawson is the February 15, 1943 issue of the Camp Hale Ski-zette, mimeographed newspaper published by the men of CampHale, Colorado. Glen makes this suggestion:

"I think the Sierra Club ought to save samples if not files of newspapers published by or for mountain troops or ski troops, especially when in out-of-the-way places in Alaska or abroad. Perhaps some of the members in service could be encouraged to send them in. They usually don't give too much news but I think they are of historical importance."

To Tom Howell's long list of articles on Sierra nature lore, another should be added--his "Plant Notes from the Sierra Nevada".

Plant Notes gives the high points of his super-botanical activities on Sierra Club outings in 1941 and 1942. Tom has given the club library a reprint of the article, originally published in The Wasmann Collector.

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LOMA PRIETA PRATIN'S

The Tenth Anniversary Commemoration (June 19-20) held at the Hidden Villa Ranch (through the courtesy of Frank Duveneck) was voted a great success by all who attended. The evening's program started off on a humorous note with the reading of letters from the service men --each letter giving a clue as to the type of life the man led. This was concluded with songs of service branches.

The history of the L.P.ans, which contained many interesting little items about the formation of the Chapter, was read by Don Woods. Chairman Eleanor Layman presented roses to each charter member present. All the past Chairmen and other officers of the Chapter were introduced. Quite a showing was made in the reading of the names of those who had been smitten by romance during the past season.

Then came the presentation of the amusing skit, written by Dorothy Meyer and Mrs. N. Larimore and read by Linda Woods, depicting innovations in costumes worn by members during the past ten years. Following, the Palo Alto folk dance group gave a few folk dances for the spectators, and Bob Irons from San Jose gave out (and how!) with fitting movements, facial expressions, and noises in accompaniment to a record.

General dancing began thereafter and lasted till midnight, the music provided by Dr. Irons.

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Dan Cupid has struck again! Sylvia Hyde is engaged to Otto Rhoades of the Mother Lode Chapter--a faculty member of the Sacramento Junior College. Congratulations, Sylvia!

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To continue-- (we couldn't wait to put the above plug in) Sunday's hike was short but to the point. Frank Duveneck led us up to the top of the ridge, where we all saw what the bear saw.

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WHERE WERE YOU on Dave Davidson's Sunday, June 27th, hike? Besides going through the museum, we were allowed to go to the top of the Hoover War Memorial Tower, from which vantage point we enjoyed a new and different view of the Stanford campus. After supper at Commander Brant's, Harvey Dowling provided folk dance musix--and we the feet.

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July 18: Meet at Borel Ave.& El Camino at 9:30 for Dorothy Ayling's trip.
-M.R.

WALKERS ENJOY POTRERO MEADOWS

An enthusiastic turnout of local walkers inaugurated the new Local Walks schedule with the Mill-Valley-Potrero Meadows-Fairfax-thirteen-mile trek lead by Helene Glass on July 5. Blue skies, sunny Marin weather and interesting terrain drew a crowd of 22 hikers including a strong contingent of visitors, 6 alone being from Berkeley Hiking Club. The hikers zigzagged up the Fire Trail to join overnighters at West Point, including Dixie Woodburn et al. Fortified by lemonade and cookies set up by the Bradleys, who were hosts at the Inn, the gang swung over the west peak of Tamalpias to Potrero Meadows for lunch. A luxurious 3-hour siesta ensued, enlivened by the slumgulion prepared by the Berkeley group over a primus stove; by Bill Horsfall's yarns of Yosemite trips; by a tea party; by general snoozing and Ferdinanding. Many new faces were seen over the teacups, including Ralph Walters Jr., Elsie Hanson, J. Whetstone, Betty Liebhard, Alan McCharles, Arthur Widmer. The return trip was made via the Berry and Madrone trails and our spies report a new low on ice cream supplies at Fairfax after the Sierra Club passed through.

--H. Glass

FOLK DANCING OFFERED

Albert Glenn, knowing how many of the outdoor people are interested in folk dancing, sends us this item:

The Co-op Fun Club, folk dance group, which until recently met at Wardell Hall, 43rd and Judah, will now hold its meeting on the first and third Saturdays of the month at the Park Presidio YMCA, 360 18th Ave. at Geary. Admission 20¢ per person.

There will also be instruction classes every Monday evening, 8:00 p.m., at the Park Presidio YMCA. Admission is 15¢.

Will pay good price for rubber mattress, extra long preferred, urgently requested by my brother, now in New Guinea, who has lost all his sleeping equipment. Any kind soul willing to help out, either phone or write: Mary Montgomery--2705½ Hearst Avenue, Berkeley--As 1946. Telephone after 8:00 p.m. or before 7:45 a.m. only.